Commune Concil' tent' in Camera Guildhall *Civitatis* London *Die Jovis decimo tertio die Januarij Anno Domini* 1680. *Annoque Regni Domini nostri* Carol' *Secundi nunc Regis* Angl' &c. *Triceſimo ſecundo, coram* Patient' Ward *Mil', Major' Civitatis* London, Thoma Aleyn *Mil' & Barr'*, Johanne Frederick *Mil'*, Johanne Lawrence *Mil'*, Georgio Waterman *Mil'*, Joſepho Sheldon *Mil'*, Jacobo Edwards *Mil'*, & Roberto Clayton *Mil'*, *Aldermannis*, Georgio Treby *Ar' Recordatore dicte Civit'*, Johanne Moore *Mil'*, Willielmo Pritchard *Mil'*, Henrico Tulſe *Mil'*, Jacobo Smith *Mil'*, Roberto Jeffery *Mil'*, Johanne Shorter *Mil'*, Thoma Gould *Mil'*, Willielmo Rawſterne *Mil'*, Thoma Beckford *Mil'*, Johanne Chapman *Mil'*, Simone Lewis *Mil'*, Thoma Pilkington *Ar' Ald'ris*, & Henrico Corniſh *Ar' Ald'ro ac unum Vicecom' dicte Civitatis necnon Major' parte Comminarior' dicte Civitatis in Communi Concil' tunc & ibidem Aſſemblat'.*

THIS Day the Members that ſerve for this City in Parliament, having communicated unto this Court a Vote or Reſolution of the Honourable Houſe of Commons, whereby that Houſe was pleaſed to give Thanks unto this City for their manifeſt Loyalty to the King, their Care, Charge, and Vigilance for the Preſervation of his Majeſties Perſon, and

of the Proteſtant Religion. This Court is greatly ſenſible of the Honour thereby given to this City, And do declare, That it is the fixt and uniform Reſolution of this City to perſevere in what they have done, and to contribute their utmoſt Aſſiſtance for the Defence of the Proteſtant Religion, His Majeſties Perſon, and the Government Eſtabliſhed.

It was now unanimouſly Agreed and Ordered by this Court, That the Thanks of this Court be given to the Members that ſerve for this City in Parliament, for their good Service done this City, and their Faithfulneſs in diſcharging their Duties in that Honourable and great Aſſembly.

Upon a Petition now Preſented by divers Citizens and Inhabitants of this City, repreſenting their Fears from the Deſigns of the Papiſts and their Adherents, and praying this Court to acquaint his Majeſty therewith, And to deſire, That the Parliament may ſit from the Day to which it ſtands Prorogued, until they have ſufficiently provided againſt Popery and Arbitrary Power. This Court, after ſome Debate and Conſideration had thereupon, did return the Petitioners Thanks for their Care and good Intention herein; And did thereupon nominate and appoint Sir *John Lawrence*, Sir *Robert Clayton*, Knights and Aldermen, Mr. *Recorder*, Sir *Thomas Player* Kt. Mr. *John Du Bois*, *John Ellis* Eſq; and Mr. *Michael Godfrey* Commoners, to withdraw, and immediately to prepare a Petition to his Majeſty upon the Subject matter of the ſaid Petition; who accordingly withdrawing, after ſome time returned again to this Court, and then preſented the Draught of ſuch a Petition

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to his Majesty. The Tenor whereof followeth, *Viz.*

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty, &c.

After reading whereof, It is Agreed and Ordered by this Court (*Nemine Contradicente*) That the said Petition shall be Presented to his Majesty this Evening, or as soon as conveniently may be. And the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor is desired to present the same, accompanied with Sir *John Lawrence*, Sir *Joseph Sheldon*, Sir *James Edwards*, Knights and Aldermen, Mr. *Recorder*, Deputy *Hawes*, Deputy *Daniel*, *John Nichols*, *John Ellis*, Esquires, Mr. *Godfrey*, and Capt. *Griffith* Commoners, who are now nominated and appointed to attend upon his Lordship at the Presenting thereof.

Ward Mayor.

Commune Concil' tent' 13^tio Januarij 1680.
Annoque Regis Car. 2^di 32do.

IT *is Agreed and Ordered by this Court*, (Nemine Contradicente) *That the Humble Petition to His Majeſty from this Court, now read and agreed upon, ſhall be Preſented to His Majeſty this Evening, or as ſoon as conveniently may be. And the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor is deſired to Preſent the ſame, accompanied with Sir* John Lawrence, *Sir* Joſeph Sheldon, *and Sir* James Edwards *Knights and Aldermen, Mr.* Recorder, *Deputy* Hawes, *Deputy* Daniel, John Nicholls, John Ellis, *Eſquires, Mr.* Godfrey, and *Capt. Griffith*, Commoners, who are now nominated and appointed to attend upon his Lordſhip at the Preſenting thereof.

Wagſtaffe.

TO THE KING'S MOST Excellent MAJESTY.

The Humble PETITION *of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of* LONDON, *in Common Council Assembled.*

Most Humbly sheweth,

THat Your Majesties great Council in Parliament, having in their late Session, in pursuance of Your Majesties Direction, entred upon a strict and impartial Inquiry into the horrid and execrable Popish Plot,

which hath been for ſeveral years laſt paſt, and ſtill is, carried on for deſtruction of Your Majeſties Sacred Perſon and Government, and extirpation of the Proteſtant Religion, and the utter Ruine of Your Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects; and having ſo far proceeded therein, as juſtly to attaint upon full Evidence one of the Five Lords impeached for the ſame, and were in further Proſecution of the remaining Four Lords, and other Conſpirators therein.

And as well the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, as the Commons in Your ſaid Parliament aſſembled having Declared, That they are fully ſatisfied, that there now is, and for divers years laſt paſt, hath been a horrid and Treaſonable Plot and Conſpiracy contrived and carried on by thoſe of the Popiſh Religion in *Ireland*, for Maſſacring the *Engliſh*, and ſubverting the Proteſtant Religion, and the Ancient eſtabliſhed Government of that Kingdom.

And Your ſaid Commons having Impeached the Earl of *Tyrone*, in order to the bringing him to Juſtice for the ſame;

lane; And having under Examination other Conspirators in the said *Irish* Plot.

And Your said Commons having likewise impeached Sir *William Scroggs*, Chief Justice of Your Majesties Court of Kings Bench, for Treason and other great Crimes and Misdemeanors in endeavouring to subvert the Laws of this Kingdom by his Arbitrary and Illegal proceedings; And having voted Impeachments against several other Judges for the like Misdemeanors.

Your Petitioners considering the continual Hazards to which Your Sacred Life, and the Protestant Religion, and the Peace of this Kingdom are exposed, while the Hopes of a Popish Successor, gives Countenance and Encouragement to the Conspirators in their wicked Designs. And considering also the Disquiet and Dreadful Apprehensions of Your good Subjects, by reason of the Miseries and Mischiefs which threaten them on all parts; as well from Foreign Powers, as from the Conspiracies within Your several Kingdoms, against which

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no ſufficient Remedy can be provided but by Your Majeſty and Your Parliament, Were extreamly ſurprized at the late Prorogation, whereby the Proſecution of the Publick Juſtice of the Kingdom, and the making the Proviſions neceſſary for the Preſervation of Your Majeſty, and Your Proteſtant Subjects, hath received an Interruption. And they are the more affected herewith, by reaſon of the Experience they have had of the great Progreſs, which the emboldned Conſpirators have formerly made in their Deſigns, during the late frequent Receſſes of Parliament; But that which ſupports them againſt Deſpair, is the Hopes they derive from Your Majeſties Goodneſs, That Your Intention was, and does continue by this Prorogation, to make way for Your better Concurrence with the Counſels of Your Parliament.

And

And Your Petitioners humbly hope, That Your Majesty will not take Offence, that Your Subjects are thus Zealous, and even impatient of the least Delay of the long hoped for Security, whilst they see your precious Life invaded, the true Religion undermined, their Families and innocent Posterity likely to be subjected to Blood, Confusion, and Ruine; and all these Dangers encreased, by reason of the late Endeavours of Your Majesty, and Your Parliament, which have added Provocation to the Conspirators, but have had little or no Effect towards securing against them: And they trust Your Majesty will graciously accept this Discovery and Desire of their Loyal Hearts to preserve Your Majesty, and whatever else is dear to them, and to strengthen Your Majesty against all Popish and Pernicious Counsels, which any ill-affected Persons may presume to offer.

They do therefore most humbly Pray,

1 *That Your Majesty will be graciously pleased (as the only means to quiet the Minds, and extinguish the Fears of Your Protestant People, and prevent the eminent Dangers which threaten Your Majesties Kingdoms, and particularly this Your Great City, which hath already so deeply suffered for the same) to permit Your said Parliament to Sit, from the Day to which they are Prorogued, until by their Counsels and Endeavours those good Remedies shall be provided, and those just Ends attained, upon which the Safety of Your Majesties Person, the Preservation of the Protestant Religion, the Peace and Settlement of Your Kingdoms, and the Welfare of this Your*

Your Ancient City, do ſo abſolutely depend. For the purſuing and obtaining of which good Effects, Your Petitioners unanimouſly do offer their Lives and Eſtates.

And ſhall ever pray, &c.

FINIS.